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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

### 1. SPAIN: AN OPTIMISTIC APPRAISAL

AMBASSADOR STABLER, IN AN APPRAISAL OF SPAIN IN METAMORPHOSIS, CONSIDERS IT EXTRAORDINARY THAT THERE HAVE BEEN SO FEW DISTURBANCES THUS FAR. HE BELIEVES THAT THE GOVERNMENT, THE MILITARY LEADERSHIP AND MOST OF THE PUBLIC ARE DEDICATED TO BUILDING A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY, AND THAT THEY WILL SUCCEED DESPITE PRESENT AND FUTURE DIFFICULTIES.

THE AMBASSADOR SUGGESTS THAT AN EARLY STATEMENT BY PRESIDENT CARTER REAFFIRMING OUR SUPPORT FOR THE DEMOCRATIC  
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PROCESS IN SPAIN WOULD BOLSTER THE MAJORITY OF SPANIARDS WHO ARE COMMITTED TO PEACEFUL EVOLUTION TOWARD DEMOCRACY.  
(CONFIDENTIAL) MADRID 600, 1/25.)

### 2. TURKS MORE AT EASE WITH US

CAGLAYANGIL AND MFA SECRETARY GENERAL ELEKDAG ARE MUCH

MORE RELAXED CONCERNING THE US STANCE ON THE DEFENSE COOPERATION AGREEMENT (DCA) SINCE AMBASSADOR ESENBEL'S JANUARY 21 MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY. ALTHOUGH ELEKDAG, IN

A JANUARY 24 CONVERSATION WITH AMBASSADOR MACOMBER, CAUTIONED THAT CONGRESS SHOULD NOT TIE THE DCA TO CYPRUS, HE ALSO STATED THAT:

--TURKISH CYPRIOT PRESIDENT DENKTASH IS UNLIKELY TO DECLARE INDEPENDENCE FOR TURKISH CYPRUS, AS ANKARA WOULD QUASH ANY SUCH ATTEMPT EXCEPT IN THE MOST DIRE SITUATION--SUCH AS CONGRESSIONAL DISAPPROVAL OF THE DCA.

--ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS MUST DEMAND THE RETURN OF SOME SPECIFIC TERRITORIES AS A MEANS OF GETTING THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS OFF THE GROUND, AS DENKTASH CANNOT TAKE THE INITIATIVE OF OFFERING UP REAL ESTATE. (CONFIDENTIAL) ANKARA 525, 1/24.)

### 3. ECUADOREANS CRY WOLF

CHIEF OF THE ECUADOREAN ARMED FORCES ADMIRAL RENAN OLMEDO TOLD DCM CORR ON JANUARY 21 THAT HE HAD PROOF OF ADDITIONAL PERUVIAN DEPLOYMENTS NEAR THE ECUADOREAN BORDER. OLMEDO SAID THAT ECUADOR NEEDS US MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO DEFEND AGAINST THE LARGE, SOVIET-EQUIPPED PERUVIAN FORCE. CONFIDENTIAL

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EMBASSY QUITO COMMENT: WHILE WE CANNOT SUBSTANTIATE THE ADMIRAL'S CLAIM, THE HIGHEST LEVELS OF THE ECUADOREAN MILITARY OBVIOUSLY BELIEVE THE PERUVIANS ARE MAKING THREATENING MOVES AGAINST ECUADOR. (CONFIDENTIAL) QUITO 526, 1/24.)

### 4. LEBANON-EC AGREEMENT IN THE OFFING

OUR MISSION TO THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY REPORTS THAT THE EC AND LEBANON HAVE AGREED TO NEGOTIATE A JOINT COOPERATION AGREEMENT WHICH WILL INCLUDE \$33 MILLION IN DEVELOPMENT AID TO LEBANON OVER THE NEXT 3 1/2 YEARS. THE EC COMMISSION HAS REJECTED A LEBANESE REQUEST THAT RECONSTRUCTION AID BE INCLUDED IN THE NEGOTIATIONS. COMMISSION OFFICIALS BELIEVE SUCH AID SHOULD BE HANDLED SEPARATELY, WITH ARAB COUNTRIES PROVIDING THE BULK OF THE FUNDS. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE) EC BRUSSELS 750, 1/25.)

### 5. GREECE: FURTHER BLOW TO CONCLUSION OF DCA?

AMBASSADOR KUBISCH REPORTS THAT GREEK PRIME MINISTER CARAMANLIS INTENDS TO NAME AMBASSADOR SPYROS CHRYSOSPATHIS TO HEAD THE GREEK DELEGATION IN NEGOTIATIONS ON A NEW DEFENSE COOPERATION AGREEMENT (DCA). CHRYSOSPATHIS, THE FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL IN CHARGE OF RELATIONS WITH

WESTERN EUROPE AND NORTH AMERICA, IS THE SECOND PERSON NAMED TO REPLACE FORMER DELEGATION HEAD PETROS CALOGERAS (NOW AMBASSADOR TO MOSCOW). THE FIRST DESIGNEE, MFA SECRETARY GENERAL THEODOROPOULOS, HAS BEEN ASSIGNED INSTEAD TO LEAD GREECE'S NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE EC.

AMBASSADOR'S COMMENT: I WOULD NOT EXPECT THIS TO AUGUR WELL FOR A SPEEDY CONCLUSION OF THE NEGOTIATIONS. CHRY-  
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SOSPATHIS WILL BE ENTIRELY NEW TO THIS MAZE OF AGREEMENTS, AND I FEAR HE IS PROBABLY LESS ABLE THAN CALOGERAS. MOREOVER, THIS WOULD REPRESENT A DOUBLE-LEVEL DE-ESCALATION FROM THEODOROPOULOS. ALTHOUGH WE COULD INTENSIFY THE PRESSURE ON CARAMANLIS TO EXPEDITE THE NEGOTIATIONS, WE SHOULD NOT UNDERESTIMATE THE DIFFICULTIES WE WILL FACE IN ACCOMPLISHING THIS OR THE PRICE WE WILL HAVE TO PAY IN US CONCESSIONS. (CONFIDENTIAL) ATHENS 775 (EXDIS), 1/25.)  
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